

GERMANY CAN'T BE BEATEN SAYS HIGH OFFICIAL

Imperial Secretary of the Treasury Declares British Empire is Doomed to Dissolution.

TEUTONIC FINANCES SECURE

German Arms Stand Solid As Rock in Enemy's Countries—Responsibility for Continuation of War Will Not Rest Upon Germany, Declares High Minister.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—In a speech before the Reichstag, Imperial Secretary of the Treasury Karl Helfferich, declared Germany's financial foundation is rockribbed and that England has been weighed in the balance and found wanting.

"We stand rock-like, in a solid mass in the enemy's countries, while on the columns of the British empire are written in glowing letters the words once written in Belshazzar's palace, Mene, Mene, Tekel Uphar-sin—weighed in the balance and found wanting," Helfferich dramatically declared.

"The responsibility for the blood which will flow from now on," he said, "for the world's misery and for the danger to civilization, will not fall on Germany but on those who can't resolve to draw conclusions from Germany's successes, which none can dispute."

He contrasted Germany's financial condition with that of her enemies. His speech was made in connection with the first reading of a bill providing an additional two and a half billion dollar war credit.

Wheat Crop of Country is Over Billion Bushels

REMARKABLE INCREASE IS NOTED; CORN WILL BE OVER 3 BILLION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The 1915 wheat crop will total one billion, eleven million five hundred and five thousand bushels, according to figures announced by the Agricultural Department.

Taken in conjunction with the secretary of agriculture Houston's annual report, these figures indicate the farmers' pockets will be well filled. Houston's report estimated the value of agricultural products in 1914 at \$9,827,000,000, which is \$32,000,000 better than in 1913.

Letters to the number of 3,586,473 forming 775,693 words, 31,737 verses 1188 chapters and 66 books, make up the Bible.

Yuan of China Believed to Have Already Taken Throne

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Japanese embassy today assured the world that the "simplest and purest" motives inspire Japanese relations with China, particularly the Japanese protest against the change to a monarchy.

(Copyright 1915 by the United Press. Copyrighted in Great Britain.) NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Emperor Yuan, in his first public statement published in the United Press, makes known the dominating reasons for the abolition of the Chinese republic. He announced his policy toward America.

"Peking, December 14th.—Your telegram translated and submitted to my majesty for perusal. I am instructed to reply as follows:

The sovereignty of the Chinese republic resides in the whole body of the people. A convention of the people's representatives, considering the republic unsuitable on account of historical reasons and public opinion, unanimously adopted the constitutional monarchy. The acting legislature reported to me and stated the convention of the people's representatives had elected me emperor. As

17 Applicants on Hand to Take the Teacher's Exams

THIS IS THE SMALLEST NUMBER IN YEARS TO TRY FOR CERTIFICATES.

The smallest number of applicants for teachers' certificates at a regular examination in this county that has shown up in years will take the examinations which County Superintendent I. E. Young is conducting this week.

The reason for this decrease lies in the new law which requires that an applicant must have taken what is known as the elementary training course of its equivalent. This law became effective Sept. 1. Before that date any eighth grade graduate could take the examinations.

The examinations began this morning in the circuit court room and will continue through Saturday. F. K. Nordhoff of Freewater is assisting Supt. Young. The following are the applicants who appeared this morning: J. A. Hawke, Nolin, J. S. Bowman, Nolin, V. Elizabeth Rodda, Hermiston; Luella B. Pinkerton, Weston; C. E. Graham, Pendleton; Nellie L. Green, Freewater; Eena Inetta Jamison, Dayton, Wash.; Ruth Brown, Milton, Oregon; Lella C. Whitesaker, Independence; Evelyn Measer, Gibbon; Nelly E. Anhalt, Pendleton; Mabel Noyes, Freewater; Mrs. J. S. Dandorf, Echo; Grace G. Foster, Pilot Rock; F. D. Hawley, Pilot Rock; Mrs. D. B. Cordery, Pilot Rock; Rena K. Clisby, Freewater; Josephine McDevitt, Pendleton.

SOPHS AND SENIORS WILL BATTLE OVER NUMERALS

UPPER CLASSMEN WILL ATTEMPT TO AGAIN PUT FIGURES ON FIRE HOUSE.

(By a Senior.) Last night the old fire house that stands on the back corner of the high school grounds again became the center of class rivalry in the high school. For the past few years the present seniors have been supreme in keeping their class numerals on the building. Last year the juniors made a vain attempt to establish their supremacy when they were challenged to battle by their upper classmen around the building as three worthy seniors painted the beautiful picture on the roof.

Last night three sophomores, ignorant in mind but small physicalists, one a worthy farmer of the dwarf nature, another of the same class with golden hair and a shepherd, and the third a worthy president and gentleman, had the courage to approach the little fire house and there paint their class numerals, '15, upon the sixteen long after the mighty seniors had laid their tired heads down to rest.

As a result, tonight will see the seniors once more showing that they are supreme when they will battle the sophs and replace the '15 with the white and blue colors.

The exports of logs and round timber from the United States in 1914 were approximately 138 million feet, while the imports were nearly 149 million feet. The exports went to Germany, the United Kingdom, Canada and the Netherlands, whereas the imports came chiefly from Canada.

Will von Nuber Also Be Recalled



Captain Franz von Papen.

Dr. Alexander von Nuber.

Captain Karl Boy-Ed.

Investigations of the alleged German spies and plotters in this country is going forward rapidly. Captain von Papen and Captain Boy-Ed await word from their government as to their return. Dr. von Nuber, Austrian consul in New York city, will probably be indicted soon.

Wholesale arrests are expected to follow in the next few days and the government, it was stated, expects to proceed not only against Dr. Alexander von Nuber, but against all German and Austrian consuls who have been mixed up in the alleged nation-wide plot to cripple ammunition plants.

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Major Herwarth von Bittenfeld military attaché in Washington several years ago and now official Berlin censor of American news and Captain Ewald Hecker, director of German Red Cross work in this country, are being considered for von Papen's place. Commander Thierckens of the interned Prinz Eitel-Friedrich has been mentioned as Boy-Ed's successor.

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Combined State and County Tax Will be About Eight Mills

LEVY WILL NOT EXCEED THIS FIGURE ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY CLERK.

The combined state and county tax for Emmatilla county for 1916 will not exceed eight mills the levy of last year, and there is a possibility that even this will be shaved. This is the opinion of County Clerk Frank Salzig since receiving this morning the official announcement of this county's share of the state tax.

According to this announcement, this county will pay to the state next year \$109,859.19 which is about \$25,200 less than was paid last year. This decrease in the state tax will offset the increase in the county budget. The total amount provided for in the budget is \$294,960, making a total of \$404,659.19 which the county will require during the next year.

An eight mill tax upon a property valuation of \$45,000,000 will produce about \$360,000. The county will have a balance on hand at the first of the year of approximately \$19,000 and receives during the year from sources other than taxation, fines fees etc., about \$15,000, so that, in the opinion of the county clerk, an eight mill tax will be ample.

The new law making town and city property subject to the road tax will permit the county to increase the road fund by \$20,000 and still make the road tax less than last year.

The county court will meet within the next few days to make the levy and, it is possible that a few thousand dollars will be shaved off the budget. Assuming that the levy will be eight mills, the total tax upon Pendleton property will be 25 1/2 mills, the city levy being 9 1/2 and the school levy being 5 mills. This will be three mills more than the total last year as Pendleton was exempt from the 2 1/2 mill road tax last year and the city levy was only nine mills. A 28 1/2 mill tax will mean that \$26.50 will be collected for every \$1000 of property in the city.

NEWS SUMMARY

General.

Imperial secretary of the German treasury declares Germany cannot be beaten.

American army will be increased to 3,000,000 in two years predicts Senator Chamberlain.

Emperor Yuan of China outlines policy toward America.

County and state tax will not exceed 8 mills; total for city 26 1/2.

Preliminary plans for organization of County Club made.

Miss Boyd, playground instructor, resigns position.

Stanfield organizes social hygiene branch.

School census shows small gain.

Miss Boyd Resigns as Instructor of the Girls' Athletics

SHE WILL LEAVE FOR NEW YORK TO TAKE ADVANCED WORK IN COLLEGE.

Miss Cecile Anne Boyd, playground instructor and director of girls' athletics in the Pendleton schools for the past year and a half, last night formally handed in her resignation to the school board and it was accepted to take effect Jan. 21 which is the end of the first semester.

Miss Boyd's resignation comes as a result of her determination to take further college work. She intends leaving at the end of the first semester for New York where she will enter Columbia University. She took work there last summer and intends to remain upon her return until she has graduated.

Miss Boyd has been the first instructor of her kind in the Pendleton schools and has given thorough satisfaction to the board. She is considered one of the most capable playground directors in the west. Her position will be filled as soon as the board and Supt. Hampton can consider the various applicants.

At the meeting of the board last evening the advisory council of the parent-teachers' association asked the board to purchase pianos for the Lincoln and Hawthorne schools, pointing out the need for the instruments. The Washington and High schools already have pianos. Chairman Tallman appointed Directors Smith, Brown and Phelps as a committee to confer with the advisory council.

Supt. Hampton last evening was instructed to order new flags for each of the school buildings and Prof. H. E. Chloupek was instructed to make a sand table for each of the four primary rooms. On these tables will be placed sand for the use of the little pupils in modeling. The board allowed Coach John Hinderman of the high school football team \$50 for his services last season.

Ford's Peace Ship Arrives in Europe

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Ford's peace ship has arrived at Kirkwall, Scotland.

It is believed the ship will be detained a few hours for the usual examination for contraband. It was not stated whether the passengers will go to London but they have not been invited and it is not believed they will come. The ship was behind schedule on account of heavy seas.

The cedar imported into the United States during 1914 amounted to over 17 million feet, valued at nearly one million dollars, of which more than half came from Cuba.

Cornelson Thinks Celebration Should be Made Big Affair

XMAS EXERCISES HERE OUGHT TO BE RECORDED IN MOTION PICTURES.

Suggesting that a big affair be made of the municipal Christmas in Pendleton and that motion pictures be taken for advertising purposes, Rev. J. M. Cornelson has written the following letter to this paper.

Editor East Oregonian: When I read of the proposition of the Commercial Club of the city to decorate the principal business streets with evergreen trees, I thought it a fine Christmas spirit, splendidly typical of Pendleton. But when I later drove into town and realized the beautiful effect, counted the large number of blocks so decorated, the Christmas spirit was rampant and contagious seemingly to be distilled from the evergreens. Now I want to read you all that Charles Dickens, the greatest dramatist of the Christmas spirit, ever wrote in his "Christmas Books," so that I might catch the spirit more than I had, if such were possible, for I felt like saying with Tiny Tim, "God bless us, every one." But in order to perpetuate and remember this fine spirit of Christmas in Pendleton, I have this thought and suggestion. The spirit of Pendleton, as seen in the Round-up, has been caught each year on the moving picture film. It is seen and admired up and down the country, far and wide, and is a great advertisement to our city and its citizens. For at least once in the year all of us "Let 'er Buck!" Others try it, yet don't get in the typical Pendleton "Buck."

Now why not let this other splendid spirit of our citizens, a spirit that makes one desire to live in and about Pendleton more than any other city about her, let this spirit get on the moving picture film. Let it go abroad as the typical Christmas spirit in Pendleton. Go right along with the Round-up films and it will make its appeal to another class of

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Trust Backs League, Charge.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Urging government construction of all war equipment, Representative Tamm, in the house, declared the Navy League is a "branch office of the J. P. Morgan war trust." He charged the league was backed by contributions from munitions makers.

Scaffolding Washed Down River When Ropes are Cut

The telephone company is lost through the work of unknown parties who cut away their ropes and scaffolding from the Main street bridge sometime Monday night. The ropes and scaffold had been put there in connection with the laying of the new phone cable for the north side district. The ropes were cut in two places and dropping into the water the entire paraphernalia washed away. According to Manager Mabie 300 feet of three fourth inch Manila rope was lost. Thus far there is no clue to the miscreant.

Plans for Country Club Discussed by Sport Enthusiasts

GOLF AND TENNIS LOVERS MEET LAST NIGHT TO FORMULATE SCHEME.

Preliminary plans looking to the organization of a Pendleton Country Club were discussed last evening at a meeting of golf and tennis enthusiasts last evening in the Commercial club rooms. There were about fifteen representative sport lovers in attendance and all were eager to proceed with the plans. The outcome of the meeting was the appointment of a committee, consisting of L. G. Pradler, Leon Cohen and R. H. Horne to confer with the owner of the present grounds to ascertain whether or not that land may be had at a reasonable price.

Another meeting will be called as soon as this committee is ready to report and it is hoped that the plans can be proceeded with at once.

The financing of such an organization was the matter discussed principally last evening. The plan which met with most favor was one requiring a membership of 100 persons who will contribute \$100 each, \$25 down and \$25 each year for three years. This would provide a fund of \$10,000 which in the opinion of those present last evening, would be ample for the purchase of the land, for the construction of concrete tennis courts, for improving the golf links and for building a club house (one dollar a month from each member would be sufficient for maintenance, including the cost of a grounds keeper, it is believed).

R. H. Horne, who is one of the principal enthusiasts, favors the building of three concrete courts and suggested that these courts be so constructed that they might be turned into a roller skating rink. He also favored a club house to cost about \$5000 so that it would not only afford room for the members to store their golf and tennis equipment but would also give them facilities for entertaining.

Census of School Population Shows a Total of 1670

The total number of children of school age within the Pendleton district is 1670, according to the report of Census Taker Harry Bickers, in the report turned over to County Superintendent I. E. Young. Of this number 825 are boys and 825 are girls. This is an increase of 17 over last year when the census showed 1653 of which 806 were boys and 847 were girls.

Supt. Young has not yet checked over the names and this number may possibly be reduced a little. Frequently duplications occur, that is the same family will be enumerated in two different districts.

The number, as accredited by the county superintendent, is used as a basis for apportioning the per capita tax. Thus the county allows \$10 to the district for each pupil enumerated and the state apportions an amount varying between \$1.50 and \$1.90 per capita.

Employing the customary ratio of five, the school census would indicate that the population of Pendleton is 8350 or better.

Austria Will Yield to the American Demands

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Swiss dispatches stated Austria will yield to the American Ancona demands.

Lansing's Appointment Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The senate confirmed the appointment of Lansing as secretary of state.

County Will Have 65 Voting Precincts at the Next Election

Unattila county at the primary election next spring will have 65 voting precincts instead of the 54 which ballots were cast at the last election. The county court has finally determined upon the changes to be made in the boundaries of precincts in order to relieve the congestion of voters which the enfranchisement of women has caused in some precincts. Eleven new precincts have been decided upon and their boundaries fixed.

Four of the new precincts are in Pendleton, at least the polling places will be in this city. This will give Pendleton a total of 17 precincts. One of the new Pendleton precincts will take in all of the north side of the river west of Blaine as well as the outlying community from the Eastern Oregon State Hospital to the county poor farm. The others will be on this side of the river and in the eastern part of the city. There will be three new precincts in Milton and surrounding country, making a total of five there. One new precinct has been added to each of the following towns: Freewater, Weston, Echo and Stanfield.

AMERICAN ARMY WILL COMPRISE 5 MILLION MEN

Senator Chamberlain Predicts This Force Will be Fully Trained Within Two Years.

COMPULSORY SERVICE COMING

Downright Murder for Nation to Continue on Plan Which May Some Day Send Untrained Men Against Veteran Troops, Declares Senator—Bill is Reviewed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military commission predicted a citizen army of five million men within two years. Chamberlain reviewed with army officers his bill proposing compulsory service. He estimated 2,318,882 boys between 18 and 23 years could be trained the first year and more than double that the second year.

"We must come to compulsory service," Chamberlain said. "It is downright murder for a nation to continue on a plan which may some day send untrained men against veteran troops."

"I believe in time the system may lead to the abolition of the regular army. We would simply have skillful officers and a vast number of fairly prepared men. The men themselves would be benefited by the training. I believe the plan would add many years to the average American life. With so short a service period, there would be no danger of arousing the militaristic spirit." Chamberlain plans to seek additional financial aid for the schools and colleges for training cadets.

Wheat Up Slightly Today in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Dec. \$1.16 7-8, \$1.16 bid; May \$1.17 7-8, \$1.17 3-4 asked; July \$1.19, \$1.03 3-8.

Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Merchants' Exchange prices today: club bid, 94 asked; bluestem 98 bid, 99 asked.

Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba 12s 3d; No. 2 12s; No. 3, 11s 11d; No. 2 hard winter, new, 11s 4d.

In American terms the top price for Liverpool is \$1.78 per bushel.

HERMISTON MEN ARE FINED FOR ILLEGAL LIQUOR SALE

(Special Correspondence.)

HERMISTON, Ore., Dec. 15.—On a warrant sworn out by Mayor F. G. McKenzie, E. W. Mack local druggist was yesterday charged for the second time with selling or giving away liquor in violation of the law. He had previously pleaded guilty to one count, drawing a \$50 fine and yesterday a fine of \$100 was imposed by Recorder E. F. Dodd. J. A. Peard had been fined \$10 for the same offense.

It is said the city officials had been satisfied for some time that illicit liquor business was being carried on here to some extent and the belief is expressed the fines imposed will have the effect of stopping any such traffic.

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Experiments in Rice Cultivation in Porto Rico Give Promise of the Island becoming an Important Producer of that Grain.